

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A network comprising:
 - 2 a first computer linked to a second computer, the first computer having a first
 - 3 service and the second computer having a second service, the first and second services
 - 4 handling at least locating, reserving, allocating, monitoring, and deallocating one or more
 - 5 computational resources for an application, the service, upon receipt of a command, loads
 - 6 new instructions to modify current instructions residing in the service that modifies a
 - 7 behavior of the service without restarting the service.
- 1 2. The network of claim 1 wherein the command causes a modification of a behavior of
- 2 the application without restarting the application.
- 1 3. A method comprising:
 - 2 receiving a message having a command for a service that handles locating,
 - 3 reserving, allocating, monitoring, and deallocating one or more computational resources
 - 4 for an application running on a computer in a network;
 - 5 loading a first set of instructions from a location remote from the service in
 - 6 response to the command;
 - 7 replacing a portion of instructions for the service with the first set of instructions;
 - 8 and
 - 9 executing the service according to the first set of instructions.
- 1 4. The method of claim 3 further comprising replacing a portion of instructions for the
- 2 application with the first set of instructions and executing the application according to the
- 3 first set of instructions.
- 1 5. The method of claim 3 further comprising:
 - 2 modifying a relationship between the service and a second service in response to
 - 3 the command, wherein the second service comprises locating, reserving, allocating,
 - 4 monitoring, and deallocating one or more computational resources for an application
 - 5 running on a computer in the network.

1 6. A computer program product, the computer program product being operable to cause a
2 data processing apparatus to:

3 receive a message having a command for a service comprises locating, reserving,
4 allocating, monitoring, and deallocating one or more computational resources for an
5 application running on a computer in a network;

6 load a first set of instructions from a location remote from the service in response
7 to the command;

8 replace a portion of instructions for the service with the first set of instructions;
9 and

10 execute the service according to the first set of instructions.

1 7. The computer program product of claim 6 wherein the computer program product is
2 further operable to cause a data processing apparatus to replace a portion of instructions
3 for the application with the first set of instructions and execute the application according
4 to the first set of instructions.

1 8. The computer program product of claim 6 wherein the computer program product is
2 further operable to cause a data processing apparatus to modify a relationship between the
3 service and a second service in response to the command, wherein the second service
4 comprises locating, reserving, allocating, monitoring, and deallocating one or more
5 computational resources for an application running on a second computer in the network.